

Writing An Explanatory Paper

Step 1: Write a thesis statement that will introduce the topic of your paper.

Step 2: Write an introductory paragraph that introduces your topic. Refer to the essential question of “How did Nelson Mandela’s choices make changes in society and policies?” This will help guide you to introducing your topic.

Step 3: Describe 3 choices Mandela made and the impact they had on society and government policies. You can formulate each paragraph as follows:

Topic Sentence: Introduce the paragraph with a general statement about what this specific paragraph is going to be about.

Detail: This would be describing the choice he made after a specific experience or experiences Mandela had.

Explanation: You should have at least 1 sentence explaining how this choice affected a change in society.

Explanation: You should have at least 1 sentence explaining how this choice affected a change in government policy.

Concluding sentence: This sentence will summarize in different words how this choice created change.

Step 3: Write a concluding paragraph that summarizes the choices and impact Nelson Mandela had on South Africa and the world.